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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Kazuhiko ONO *et al.*
Serial Number : 10/050,832
Filed : January 18 , 2002
For : LASER WELDING METHOD
Examiner : Jonathan J. Johnson
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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 3, 2003

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136, applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time for filing a response to the Official action mailed July 2, 2003. The Official action mailed July 2, 2003, set forth a three-month period for response. Accordingly, this petition for a two-month extension of time extends the period of response to November 2, 2003. Since November 2, 2003, is a Sunday, a response or other action, such as the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) can be timely filed on the next business day, Monday, November 3, 2003.

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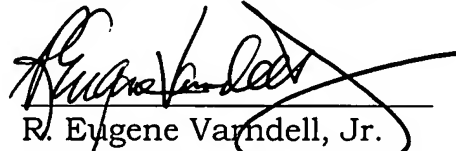
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A check in the amount of the ONE HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$110) is attached hereto for payment of this extension of time.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,
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